

Christ Church (EPISCOPAL)
Mobile, Alabama
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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
St. Emanuel & Church Streets.
Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama.

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Ownership:

Present Owner: Christ Episcopal Church.

Date of Erection: 1838 - 1840.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: Christ Episcopal Church.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: One.

Materials of Construction: Brick; exterior walls smooth stucco; large front portico columns; wrought iron fence; important architectural details exterior and interior.

Other Existing Records: When Bienville established Mobile on its present site in 1711, "the church" was built just beyond the southwest edge of Fort Louis de la Mobile. In front of this church was a broad promenade, known as "Promenade Iglese." This location was at the present intersection of Northwest St. Emanuel and Church Streets.

This original church was used for about ten years; in the next decade we find the new church at the corner of Conti and Royal Streets. Then in 1822 --- 111 years after the erection of the original church --- the first Protestant church was constructed on the site of the old "Promenade Iglese" ----the site being donated for a Church of England congregation. It was used as a place of worship by all Protestant denominations for a number of years. In 1840 a new church -- the Christ Episcopal of today -- was completed on this same location, construction of the church having been started in 1838. And so we find that although the present Christ Church is only 94 years old, it stands almost on the very site of Mobile's first church, erected 223 years ago.

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Additional Data: In September 1906, this church was struck by a hurricane causing the tower to fall through the roof completely destroying both and doing considerable damage to the interior, three years later it was again visited by storm and was damaged to a great extent.

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